

# Kosovo



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# Where is Kosovo?

- Kosovo is located in Southeastern Europe within a region commonly referred to as “the Balkans.”
- Neighboring countries include Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, and Macedonia.
- The capital of Kosovo is the city of Pristina, which is located in the eastern half of the country.





# Geographic Features of Kosovo

- Kosovo is a landlocked country, with a size that is comparable to the U.S. state of Delaware.
- Most of the country is mountainous with peaks reaching 2500 meters.
- 39% of the country is forested.
- The Mediterranean Sea influences the humid continental climate of Kosovo, which includes cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot summers.



# Demographics

- Population:
  - 1.9 million people
- Ethnicities:
  - Albanian 93%
  - Bosniak 1.6%
  - Serb 1.5%
  - Romani 0.5%
- Languages
  - Albanian 95% - official
  - Serbian 1.6% - official
- Religions
  - Muslim – 95.6%
  - Roman Catholic – 2.2%
  - Orthodox – 1.5%



# History of Kosovo

- Timeline of key events.

Serb Migration	Serbian Power	Battle of Kosovo	Ottoman Rule	Kingdom of Serbia	Kingdom of Yugoslavia	Kosovo War	Independence
7 <sup>th</sup> Century	1346	1389	1455-1912	1913	1929	1998-1999	2008
Ethnic Serbs begin to migrate into the area of Kosovo.	Kosovo is fully integrated into the Serbian Empire.	Serbian forces defeated leading to Ottoman influence.	Ottoman Empire gains full control over region in 1455.	Eastern Kosovo is ceded to the Kingdom of Serbia.	Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes is transformed into Kingdom of Yugoslavia.	War between Yugoslav authorities and the Kosovo Liberation Army.	The Kosovo Assembly formally declares independence.

# Customs and Traditions

- Food
  - Similar to other areas in the region including Greece, Albania, and Turkey.
  - Bread and dairy products are important staples.
  - Some key foods include pita, rice, lamb, stuffed peppers, beans, kebab, and baklava.
  - [How is baklava made?](#)
- Music



# Current Issues and the Future



# Government of (your country)

- Explain how laws are made and changed in your country. Tell how people are chosen to lead the country.





# Economy of (your country)

- Explain which goods and services are produced in your country. How do people typically provide for the needs of themselves and their families?

# Tourism in (your country)

- Tell about the points of interest in your country that people from other countries may be interested in visiting.